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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. At 8:20 a.m. on 7 October 1953, a train consisting of 3 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and no less than 15 flatcars carrying 13 JS-3 tanks passed through Rathenow, coming from the direction of Stendal and proceeding in the direction of Staaken-Berlin. Another train carrying 12 JS-3 tanks passed through Gross-Behnitz toward Staaken.[1] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

2. On 5 and 6 October, there again was intensive activity at the Infanterie Kaserne in Rathenow. 60 trucks with equipment, 12 to 15 x 160-mm mortars, 1 x 120-mm mortar and personnel reconditioning their quarters. motor vehicles About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia who left the Infanterie Kaserne had been unloaded at the northern railroad station in Rathenow on 5 and 6 October. Also unloaded was ammunition which was shipped to the naval arsenal by trucks Motor vehicles of the B 1-75-xx and /6-27-xx series entered and left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne on 5 and 6 October.[2] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

1. Comment. Two trains with tank units of the 10th Gds Tank Div which, moved on 5 and 6 October to their Krampnitz post from the southeastern section of Letzling Heath. 50X1-HUM

2. Comment. On 2 October, preparations for reoccupation in Rathenow. The present information indicates that units of the 65th Mort Brig reentered their previous quarters at the Infanterie Kaserne on 5 and 6 October. on 6 October, train went to Rathenow from Altengrabow, probably with units of this brigade, and that, on 5 October, two trains from Altengrabow had already been unloaded in Rathenow. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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